GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DRUNKEN DRIVERS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tendency to drunken driving is rising in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested for the said offence during the last two years;

(c) the action taken by the Government against them;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such tendencies; and

(e) the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e): Persons found drunk while driving are arrested/prosecuted by Delhi Police. The number of persons challaned/arrested by Delhi Police for drunken driving in 2005 was more than those challaned/arrested in 2004 as indicated below:

Year	Number of drivers prosecuted	Number of drivers arrested
2004	3347	1808
2005	4292	2028

The steps taken by Delhi Police to check drunken driving include checking the concentration of alcohol in the blood of drivers with the help of Alco Meter (breath analyzer), organizing special drives at night and on roads which are prone to drunken driving; and educating motorists through newspapers and visual media to avoid driving after consumption of alcohol.